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"Financial problems are nuts and clover for demagogues."—J. A. GARFIELD.

H. S. GIVLER, Prop.

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### Sigler Acquitted.

The jury in the Sigler case brought in a verdict for his acquittal. The people of Wa-Keeney and Trego county are thoroughly indignant over such outrageous conduct. The Ellis county jurymen must have been an ignorant pig-headed outfit to sit and listen to such a lot of weak testimony as was given in the case and then bring in a verdict of not guilty. It was evidence in itself that he was guilty when the case was taken to Ellis county, for had he been tried here he never would have been acquitted. Those "gentlemen" of the jury ought to be ashamed of themselves. The murderer, for such he is and always will be, shot his victim in cold blood. The man was a cripple and unarmed and Sigler went well prepared for his mission, and he did not leave a stone unturned, yet the jury finds a verdict of not guilty! What are the laws for? Better swing open the prison doors and let all the criminals out if we have to tolerate such men at large. A man can steal an old raw-boned horse and go to the penitentiary for 15 or 20 years, but a man can shoot down a fellow creature in premeditated cold blood and go scot-free, the jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty. The very heights of heaven call out against such rank injustice. The quiet little community of Wa-Keeney are thoroughly indignant, and shame and infamy ought to be stamped on the brow of every jurymen who listened to the trial of one of the most cold-blooded heinous crimes within the history of Trego county. Had justice been meted out Sigler's carcass would have been the prey of the vultures many months ago. Such trials are the cause of mob violence. The dead man is sleeping his last long sleep, his soul free of the crimson stain of murder, his wife, his children, and his aged father were left to mourn his awful and tragic death. What do you think of those hearts to-day? When they think of the man that bereft them of their loved one now lying in the cold embrace of death, as going as free as the air he breathes. Citizens of Trego and Ellis counties what think you? The Sigler case is not at an end for he yet has to stand at the bar of justice in a Higher Tribunal than this and answer the awful charge before the Great Judge guilty or not guilty.

### Program of Teachers' Meeting.

The following is the program of Teachers' association for the October 7th meeting:  
Roll call. Response. Questions upon Late War.  
"Primary Grade Work," Mrs. Mary Hunt. General discussion by teachers.  
"Intermediate Grade Work," Mrs. Jessie F. Taylor. General discussion by teachers.  
"Grammar Grade Work," Walter Swiggett. General discussion.  
"County Uniformity Grade Work as Applied to Our Common Schools," Miss Lida Drummond.  
"The American Revolution," Chapters 1 and 2 with introduction. County Superintendent—hour.  
Miscellaneous business.  
Mrs. M. GREENWOOD,  
Mrs. C. STRADAL,  
J. L. SHEARER,  
Committee.  
Fresh pork at Baker's.

### Republican Convention.

#### Harmony and Good Humor Prevailed—A Winning Ticket Nominated.

Last year Old Sol frowned on convention day and was sulky all day, and this year had the audacity to serve us the same old trick, but despite all this the Republicans of Trego met at the court house last Saturday at 2 p. m. and nominated a winning ticket. Every township in the county was represented except Riverside, and had it not rained Riverside would have been represented.

Chairman Moore called the convention to order. C. C. Yetter was selected as chairman and C. M. Bell secretary.

The usual committees on permanent organization, credentials and order of business were appointed.

Next came the nomination of officers. C. H. Benson was placed in nomination for treasurer, there being no opposition, he was the unanimous choice of the convention.

W. W. Gibson was nominated for clerk, there being no opposition, he was the unanimous choice of the convention.

For sheriff there were three candidates, viz: George V. York, T. W. Bundy and E. F. Bryant. On the first ballot York received 15 votes, Bundy 7, and Bryant 5. York was declared the nominee.

Register of Deeds came next. The names of James Kelly and C. W. Sweet were placed in nomination. James Kelly received 17½ votes and Sweet 11½. James Kelly having received the highest number of votes cast was declared the choice of the convention.

Next came surveyor. C. J. Ferris and J. R. Wilson were placed in nomination. Ferris received 14½ votes and Wilson 12½. C. J. Ferris was declared the nominee.

Joshua Groft was nominated for coroner by acclamation.  
The townships of Ogallah and Glencoe nominated Jacob Allman for commissioner of the first district by acclamation.

On motion T. R. Moore was elected chairman of the county central committee.

The following are the committee-men elected for the various township: Wa-Keeney—Will Walker and H. S. Givler.

Ogallah—C. C. Yetter and T. S. Howe.

Glencoe—D. J. Wilson and John Loflin.

Riverside—James Tunnell and W. B. Cypher.

Franklin—E. Jesse and C. M. Bell.

Collyer—Wm. Lorimer and A. B. Redmond.

Willcox—Chas. Rogers and J. F. Gunkel.

#### NOTES.

C. C. Yetter makes an excellent chairman.

Riverside was not represented on account of the heavy rains.

D. J. Wilson drove up from Glencoe to represent his township.

Bruce Furbeck was in town and occupied a seat as a spectator.

C. M. Bell and John Hoover braved the storm and represented Franklin.

T. S. Howe and son drove up from Adair through the rain and represented his precinct.

John G. Marcy, the old Republican wheel horse of Willcox township, looked in on the convention.

Had it been a pleasant day we would have shown the opposition, (if they do say that we are dead in Trego) that the Republicans can hold the largest conventions as in days of yore. We are not dead by a long shot. We will show you on the 7th day of November.

J. F. Gunkel of Willcox drove 25 miles to attend the convention. Mr. G. is a new man in the county and represented three votes in the con-

vention. He wanted to do the right thing by the candidates, and where two were nominated for the same office, he gave each 1½ votes. J. F. you are all right.

#### Republican Township Convention.

The Republicans of Wa-Keeney township will meet at the court house in the office of the probate judge on Saturday, September 23, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a township ticket. By order of

WILL WALKER,  
H. S. GIVLER,  
Committeemen.

TOPEKA, September 11, 1899.

EDITOR WORLD,  
Wa-Keeney, Kan.,

DEAR SIR:

The clipping of one of your populist exchanges credited to the Wa-Keeney Independent which discusses railroad taxation and other matters is before me.

Answering its various statements as they appear, an inspection of the ledgers of this office shows that the total assessed valuation of railroad property in Kansas for 1899 is \$58,949,763.00 as compared with \$58,371,663.00 for 1898, showing a net increase of \$578,100.00 of assessed railroad property. The Independent's statement that "the State Board of Railroad Assessors have reduced the assessed valuation of railroad property in this state several thousand dollars" is entirely erroneous. It is increased over half a million dollars.

The assertion that Trego county will pay more state taxes this year than last is true. The state levy has been raised to meet the growing expenses of a growing state, and a growing county like Trego has no disposition to kick out of paying its proportion, I presume.

The schedules show that the value of railroad property has been readjusted, raised in some counties and lowered in others. It appears that it has been lowered in Trego county from \$7,400 per mile to \$7,300 per mile. If fairness and equity demand this, why shouldn't it be done? What the railroads don't pay into the Treasury in one county they do in another, and more in total than they did under populist assessment by over a half a million dollars.

It is not commonly known that there has been no increase in the state levy since the boom days when the total valuation of all property in this state was much higher than now, while all these years the cost of maintaining the state institutions has of course been growing. The last administration even decreased the levy, and this leads to the Independent's last point; that in October, State Treasurer Grimes will be stamping warrants "Not paid for want of funds." The better informed populist newspapers steer clear of that point, when the fact is that the money now in the state treasury was raised by the populist board of assessors. Any Trego county farmer knows that the first half of his 1899 taxes is not due until this coming December and not due at the state treasury until January, 1900, so that whatever the present financial condition of the treasury is, until that time, the populist party is responsible for it, as they have been in whole or in part for the past eight years.

The Independent speaks inadvisably of the last legislature being an expensive luxury; it should have rather said an expensive necessity, for it had to take care of \$400,000.00 of deficiency appropriations which the populist legislature of two years ago passed by in their unfortunate desire to make a false showing for economy. That sort of economy that merely puts off the day of settlement and leaves for another legislature to do what it should have done itself is neither what the taxpayers ask nor except of their public servants. At least that conclusion may be inferred from their verdict last fall.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN S. DAWSON.

Smoked hams at Baker's.

Good fresh beef at Baker's.

O. B. Kessler's four children have the measles.

Uncle Billie Sommerville has our thanks for a large pumpkin.

Register Purcell left Wednesday for Indiana to visit boyhood scenes.

Gene Holmes of the south side was in the city Tuesday on business.

Miss Lillie Orr of Collyer was in the city Tuesday and visited at W. F. Moser's.

Geo. V. York, candidate for sheriff, was in the city Wednesday talking politics.

Our lumber dealers are doing a rushing business, and have but little time for rest.

Mrs. F. C. Swiggett and daughter, Margaret, are now domiciled in J. R. Wilson's house.

Charley Rogers was up from Willcox, Monday and made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Ed. Gueschewsky and son of Collyer were in the city Tuesday and visited relatives.

C. J. Ferris pays the freight on wall paper and will hang it for you. Call and look at his samples.

Don't forget that HEINZ PICKLING VINEGAR is the best in the world. For sale by C. C. Bestor.

The Republicans of Wa-Keeney township will nominate a township ticket next Saturday. Read call.

James M. Zeman of Collyer, advertises in this issue to prove up on his timber claim the first week in November.

Mrs. W. E. Saum of Hays, was in the city over Sunday taking treatment with Dr. Jones for catarrhal fever.

West & Son shipped in about 200 head of cattle last Wednesday evening from the west. They were taken to the Willcox ranch.

W. H. Dorns had the misfortune to have the gearing to his straw stacker break the first of the week causing a lay-off for several days.

FOR SALE—One of the best 320 acre farms in Trego county. For terms apply to George Baker, Wa-Keeney, Kan. Can give possession at any time.

N. A. Voss, the Hays photographer, will be in his gallery in Wa-Keeney, September 22 and 23.

Bartlett and Kirby are now the owners of the Gibbs Grove ranch, having purchased it of Mr. Cox of Wyoming, Ill. This is one of the best ranches in the county. D. H. Henkel made the sale.

Mrs. F. W. King and little son drove to Ransom last Saturday where they took the train for Dighton. They will visit relatives and friends in Lane county a short time and from there they go to Illinois to spend a month with relatives.

Plain Joe Irvin was up from Cedar Bluffs last Tuesday. While at our office he examined some Cripple Creek ore that Ike Purcell was showing us. He compared the Trego ore with the Cripple Creek ore, and remarked that there is something in the find on the Smoky. Joe says he has oceans of the same kind of rock as that brought from Cripple Creek.

Frank Stimits left Monday evening for Grainfield, where he will engage in the hardware business. He will put in a \$2,000 stock and will run a tin shop in connection. He intends to build up his business and will handle pumps and wind mills. Frank is one of Trego's best citizens, and we are sorry to see him leave, but wish him unbounded success at Grainfield.

## Special Offer!!

We now have most of our FALL and WINTER CLOTHING in. We want you to examine the goods as to style, material, make and finish, and if you have samples from the East bring them with you, and if we can't show you that you can't save money by sending East for the goods, we will say "Let 'er go." We have a good assortment for this place and the number of suits we are selling proves that prices are satisfactory. We also represent two large tailoring establishments and can get you a made to order suit.

SHOES. Almost any style or price. Our school shoes are the best.

DINNER BUCKETS, Tablets, Exercise Books, Pens, Pencils, Etc.

TRUNKS at \$2.00 to \$5.00 each.

HARNESS. Remember that we will sell you a harness cheaper than any other living man—spot cash.

WHIPS. We have nearly as many styles of whips as the biggest wholesale concerns carry.

A clock or a watch.

Some new embroidery insertions.

We will be ready with winter caps and mittens when you are ready to buy. Ditto UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY and WRAPS.

NOTIONS. we always lead in notions, both dry goods and tinware and hardware.

we handle the best things in factory goods always.

## MOORE'S Cash Store.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Epperly of Banner, Thursday morning—a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ferris of Kansas City left for their home after a most enjoyable visit with the family of C. J. Ferris.

Those who were called to Hays to testify in the Sigler case were as follows: Coroner Escher Under Sheriff Drummond, Dr. Jones, L. Schmitt, Postmaster Gibson, W. W. Gibson, Frank Wollner, W. H. Swiggett, W. S. Harrison, H. B. Flyer, Grant Marshall, L. Tatman and W. C. Olson.

Mr. Dingman of Niantic, Ill., who is attending the Sigler trial this week came very near having an accident that might have cost him his life, while stepping off the train last Thursday evening in some manner he fell, and for the timely assistance of the conductor and Mr. Ufford he was kept from rolling under the train.

B. E. Grim shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City, Tuesday.

The democrats of Thomas county have nominated a ticket and propose to try and elect a part of it. Another blow at fusion.

Alf. S. Bailey of Riverside, was in the city Tuesday. He is holding about 1000 head of sheep, and finds the job very lonesome.

Clarence Henkel is assisting agent Shank at the depot, Frank Woodard having been transferred to Ellis. Good for Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Neff, who have been visiting Edith Neff and family the past two weeks, returned to their home at Bolton, Mo., Thursday evening.

Found—A pair of nose eye glasses at the northwest corner of A. B. Mumert's fence last Monday. Owner can get same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.